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Lebanon

Al-Biqa' Situation -- Israeli and Syrian forces again clashed in the Al-Biqa' Valley, according to Jerusalem and Damascus radios. A Syrian military spokesman cited by Damascus radio said the Israelis opened fire at Syrian positions west of Zahlah, injuring two Syrians. Jerusalem radio reported that IDF soldiers fired at a group of Syrians trying to enter the area under Israeli control east of 'Ammiq village, forcing the intruders to flee. Asserting that Syrian and Israeli reinforcements have caused noticeable tension in Al-Biqa', the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon said the Syrians moved a SAM-8 battery into the hills north of Zahlah.

Security in 'Alayh Area, Beirut -- Christian Phalangists and Druze Socialists engaged in fierce clashes in villages south of 'Alayh throughout 13 October, according to Beirut and Voice of Lebanon radio reports. An IDF unit entered the area during the evening in order to stop the fighting, Jerusalem radio noted. Earlier, Beirut radio complained that the IDF presence in the 'Alayh area was preventing the deployment of the Lebanese Army in the district to maintain security. Meanwhile, after a Lebanese Front meeting, Phalangist Party leader Pierre al-Jumayyil said the sectarian clashes are most serious and must be stopped as soon as possible, the radio reported.

In Beirut, the Lebanese Army resumed its search operations in the southern suburbs, Beirut radio noted. After a Higher Coordination Committee meeting chaired by President Amin al-Jumayyil, the French ambassador confirmed that the security plan is to be expanded to include East Beirut. However, sources cited by the leftist daily AS-SAFIR claimed that the Phalangist military command has informed President al-Jumayyil that it rejects disarmament of its militia, AFP reported.

Israel on Withdrawal -- Both Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhaq Shamir and Defense Minister Ari'el Sharon have said Israel is not linking the IDF's departure from Lebanon with Israel's stated goal of signing a peace treaty with Lebanon, according to Jerusalem radio. In an interview with the radio, Shamir said there is no reason in principle why Israel and the United States should not reach agreement on the withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon. Political sources cited by the radio said Israel's plan for a political settlement in Lebanon has been composed in such a way that the United States will accept it with all its details. Earlier, the radio noted that the Israeli Cabinet accepted the proposal for the security arrangements Israel will insist on in Lebanon.

More on Massacre -- Lebanese authorities have so far discovered 762 bodies in the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps and around 1,200 additional murdered people were buried by their relatives, Jerusalem radio reported.

PLO

After meeting in Tunis with PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat, French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson said that although the likelihood of France's recognition of the PLO and of a possible meeting between 'Arafat and the French president were not discussed, 'Arafat will be welcome in France should he decide to visit, Tunis radio reported. 'Arafat told journalists that his 2-hour meeting with Cheysson was fruitful, according to AFP.

Jordan and the PLO meanwhile agreed that the Palestine Liberation Army [PLA] contingent in Jordan will be reinforced with heavy weapons and with PLA soldiers currently dispersed elsewhere in the Arab world, PLO deputy military commander Khalil al-Wazir announced in Amman during an interview reported by AFP.

Reiterating the Syrian claim that five Palestinian groups have issued statements in Damascus rejecting a Jordanian-Palestinian confederation, SANA said these organizations are: the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine [DFLP], the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine General Command [PFLO-GC], the Popular Struggle Front and the Palestine Liberation Front. However, Monte Carlo radio reported that the DFLP denied issuing any recent statement on 'Arafat's visit to Jordan. According to INA, the PLO has protested to Morocco about Syrian attempts to interfere in the PLO's internal affairs. A Moroccan envoy arrived in Damascus on 13 October with a message for Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad, Damascus radio noted.

Egypt-Sudan

President Husni Mubarak told a Khartoum news conference that Egypt and Sudan have reached a joint defense agreement concerning the formation of a military command, MENA reported.

Iran-Iraq War

An Iranian military communique carried by Tehran radio asserted that the Iraqis mounted an offensive in the Mandali region early on 12 October, but were repulsed by Iranian forces and suffered 500 killed or wounded and 10 tanks destroyed. According to an Iraqi communique broadcast by Baghdad radio, Iraqi forces repulsed an Iranian offensive in the same area and after fierce fighting 206 Iranians died.

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NONALIGNED MINISTERS APPROVE NEW DELHI SUMMIT

BK100931 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 10 Oct 82

[Text] In New York, nonaligned foreign ministers have underlined the great significance of the forthcoming seventh nonaligned summit in New Delhi. They said the summit would take place at a crucial stage of international relations. The ministers formally accepted the proposal made by External Affairs Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao to hold the summit from the 7th of March to the 11th. It will be preceded by a meeting of ministers and the meeting of senior officials.

The nonaligned foreign ministers have expressed their gratitude to Prime Minister Mrs Gandhi for responding positively to the holding of the summit in New Delhi. The foreign ministers entrusted the Coordinating Bureau of nonaligned countries in New York to make the necessary preparations for the summit.

In a communique issued last night at the end of the session, the nonaligned group strongly condemned Israel's policy of aggression being perpetuated with the help of massive military, financial and political support from the United States. The communique called upon the UN Security Council to make an immediate inquiry into the Beirut massacre.

About apartheid, the group strongly condemned the growing violations of arms embargo by the United States and some Western countries.

The group also decided to convene a 5-day extraordinary ministerial meeting of the Coordinating Bureau in Managua from 10 January to consider the situation in Central America.

LEADERS MEET WITH FRENCH DEFENSE MINISTER

Venkataraman-Hernu Talks

BK111642 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 11 Oct 82

[Text] French and Indian Defense Ministers Hernu and Venkataraman had discussions in New Delhi today on strengthening bilateral cooperation in the sphere of defense. Hernu arrived in New Delhi this morning on a 3-day good will visit.

Venkataraman referred to Indo-French collaboration in defense equipment and said the agreement to acquire French Mirage-2000 aircraft is a further step in strengthening this cooperation. The chiefs of staff of the army, navy and the air force also called on the French minister.

Venkataraman Comments

BK120344 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 12 Oct 82

[Text] Defense Minister Venkataraman has said that Indo-French cooperation in the defense field will contribute greatly to the relationship between the two countries. He was speaking at a dinner hosted in honor of visiting French Defense Minister Charles Hernu in New Delhi last night.

Venkataraman said that Hernu's visit has provided an opportunity for fruitful exchange of views on matters of common interest.

Gandhi Meeting

BK121542 Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1330 GMT 12 Oct 82

[Text] French Defense Minister Hernu had an exchange of views with Prime Minister Mrs Gandhi in New Delhi today on the growing armament race in the world and prospects of disarmament. An official spokesman said Mrs Gandhi told the French minister that India is not happy with having to spend large sums of money on defense, but unfortunately, it has no alternative. India would rather devote its resources to economic development but had to divert some of its funds for defense needs, she said.

Hernu Departure

BK130922 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 13 Oct 82

[Text] India and France have identified several specific areas for cooperation in the field of defense. This was stated by French Defense Minister Hernu before leaving New Delhi for Bangalore at the end of his talks with Indian leaders in the capital. He told newsmen that he had very friendly discussions with Prime Minister Mrs Gandhi and Defense Minister Venkataraman. Venkataraman, who was at the airport to see him off, described the French defense minister's visit as very fruitful. He said both sides have tied up many things in defense collaboration mainly those relating to the acquisition of Mirage aircraft, arms and ammunition.

AFP Account

BK140810 Hong Kong AFP in English 0736 GMT 13 Oct 82

[Text] New Delhi, Oct 13 (AFP) -- French Defense Minister Charles Hernu left here today for Bangalore at the end of two days talks with central leaders on possible collaboration in the field of defense.

In Bangalore Mr Hernu will visit Hindustan Aeronautics Limited and Bharat Electricals. He will also call on Karnataka Governor Govind Narain and Chief Minister Gundu Rao before returning home later tonight.

In an informal chat with newsmen at the airport before his departure, Mr Hernu said he had had a very friendly discussion on collaboration in the sphere of defense. His "visit was very compact, full of things, and friendly" he said. However, he declined to identify the areas where both countries were likely to collaborate.

Defense Minister R. Venkataraman told the press Mr Hernu's visit was "very fruitful." Mr Venkataraman said India and France had "tied up" many things in the field of defense collaboration particularly matters relating to the acquisition of Mirage aircraft, arms and ammunition.

There was an exchange of information on the transfer of technology to India in the field of defense. It covered the acquisition of the Mirage and other equipment of French origin that India may want to acquire from France. Besides Mirage aircraft France is also understood to have offered India the super Puma armed light helicopter for the Indian Navy.

Mr Hernu was seen off at the airport by Deputy Defense Minister K.P. Singhdeo, three defense chiefs and senior offices from the Defense Ministry.

GANDHI COMMENTS ON SOVIET NUCLEAR PLANT OFFER

BK130944 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 13 Oct 82

[Text] The prime minister told the Lok Sabha today that the government has to examine in detail the Soviet Union's offer to set up a nuclear powerplant in India before taking a final decision.

In reply to a question, she said there has been no such offer from any other country.

Answering another question, Mrs Gandhi said India had been importing about 40 tons of heavy water from the Soviet Union every year. This was to supplement the country's production of heavy water in meeting the requirements of our atomic powerplants.

Answering a question about the Rajasthan powerplant, Minister of State for Science and Technology C.P.N. Singh said that the Kota plant was shut down for about a month due to a leak. However, there had been no loss of heavy water.

RAO: OPTION TO PROCURE NUCLEAR FUEL KEPT OPEN

BK081121 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 8 Oct 82

[Text] India has made it clear that she will not accept any change in the India-U.S. treaty regarding supply of enriched uranium for Tarapur. External Affairs Minister Narasimha Rao told the Rajya Sabha that India accepted France as an alternative supplier of nuclear fuel if it adhered to the 1963 agreement with the United States. He said France initially agreed to honor all the conditions. However, subsequently it suggested some safeguards for the post-1993 period when the agreement expires. Narasimha Rao clarified that India is not agreeable to this and is keeping its option for procuring nuclear fuel open.

STATESMAN CITES REPORT ON URANIUM RESOURCES

BK011306 Calcutta THE STATESMAN in English 27 Sep p 13

[Text] Bombay Sept. 26 -- India has excellent potential for discovering additional resources of uranium, reports United News of India.

According to NUCLEAR INDIA magazine, India has adequate resources of uranium to meet the country's requirements for its nuclear power programme. The assured and estimated additional resources of uranium at present stand at 67,000 tons of uranium trioxide in addition to about 13,000 tons contained in the monazite stands along the beaches and the inland placer deposits. India's thorium resources are estimated at 300,000 tons.

The major vein or disseminated type of uranium deposits are located in the pre-Cambrian metamorphic complexes in the Singhbhum belt in Bihar and a few small ones in Rajasthan. Surveys carried out in recent years have brought to light several new uranium pockets in other parts of the country.

The most significant ones are at Dodal and Jajawal, in the Rajnandgaon and Sarguja districts of Madhya Pradesh and in some parts of Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.

Uranium, associated with large exploitable deposits of copper, is found in the Singhbhum belt of Bihar and some phosphate belts in Uttar Pradesh. It is being recovered as a by-product during copper mining.

The state-owned Uranium Corporation of India has been set up to commercially exploit uranium resources. The company has plans to expand and open two more deposits at Narwapahar and Turamdih, which are located in the same mineral belts known as the Singhbhum thrust. Feasibility studies for opening up the deposits have been completed and detailed development designs are under formulation.

The nuclear fuel complex produces about 100 tons of natural uranium fuel and about 20 tons of enriched uranium fuel to meet requirements.

RAO DETAILS GANDHI'S TALKS WITH BREZHNEV

BK111638 Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1330 GMT 11 Oct 82

[Excerpts] India has expressed its belief that the recent arrangement with Bangladesh on the question of the Ganges waters is the best way of serving the people of both countries. Making a statement in the lower house of parliament today on the visit of President of the Council of Ministers of Bangladesh Lieutenant General Ershad, External Affairs Minister Narasimha Rao said that during the discussion both sides endeavored to move forward.

Rao made another statement on the recent visit of Prime Minister Mrs Gandhi to the Soviet Union. Giving a detailed account of discussions Mrs Gandhi had with President Brezhnev, Prime Minister Nikolay Tikhonov and other leaders, he said the visit further strengthened the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the two countries. The two sides expressed their shock and dismay at Israel's expansionist and aggressionist policies, its unprovoked invasion of Lebanon and the brutal and reprehensible massacre of civilians there.

As regards Afghanistan, it was agreed that a solution could be found only through political negotiations. Mrs Gandhi took the opportunity to review developments in the neighborhood and the situation in our country. She pointed out how India's (?strict) adherence to nonalignment contributes to peace in the region and in the world.

CPI RESOLUTION PRAISES GANDHI'S USSR VISIT

BK091605 Hong Kong AFP in English 1554 GMT 9 Oct 82

[Text] New Delhi, Oct 9 (AFP) -- The pro-Moscow Communist Party of India (CPI) today expressed "deep satisfaction" over the results of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's recent Soviet tour and firmly disputed that India was lately trying to keep distance from Moscow.

In a resolution adopted at a three-day meeting of its policy-making Central Executive here and released today, the CPI also maintained that the visit was not only of bilateral but also global significance, apparently rejecting observations in some press reports that it was almost totally bilateral in its nature and impact.

The resolution said the joint declaration issued at the end of the visit had given a "fitting rebuff" to the "mischievous propaganda of certain bourgeois circles" that India was trying to gradually distance itself from the Soviet Union.

It noted the declaration had called for the early implementation of U.N. declaration on the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace, thus demolishing the "propaganda about the super power rivalry in the ocean."

GANDHI ADDRESSES CONGRESS-I COMMITTEE MEETING

BK091700 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 9 Oct 82

[Text] Mrs Gandhi has called upon all sections of the society who believe in national integration and secularism to come together for promoting national unity.

Addressing the Congress-I working committee meeting in New Delhi today, she said the paramount need of the hour is unity of the country.

Mrs Gandhi said some political and other organizations continued to create hatred and suspicion among different communities. She urged her party men and other like-minded people to combat such forces and remain vigilant against movements that seek to disrupt the hard-won unity.

The working committee meeting today reviewed the economic, political and international situation. Among those who addressed the meeting were External Affairs Minister Narasimha Rao, Defense Minister Venkataraman, Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee and Minister for Shipping and Transport C.M. Stephen. Rajiv Gandhi attended the meeting as a special invitee.

The working committee welcomed the positive results of the prime minister's visits to the United States, Japan, Mauritius, Mozambique and the Soviet Union. These visits have raised India's stature in the international arena and have provided an opportunity for explaining the significance of our foreign policy and commitment to the Nonaligned Movement. The meeting deplored the brutal and calculated massacre of innocent Palestinians in Beirut.

The committee reaffirmed its support to the Palestinian people. It expressed grave concern over the continuing deterioration in the international economic situation. The committee called for renewed effort to find a solution to the problems of developing countries. The forthcoming nonaligned summit in Delhi will give a lead in formulating programs to resolve political tension and economic issues of the world.

Referring to the economic situation in the country, the committee felt that it continues to improve in the fields of foodgrain and industrial production. Inflationary trends have been held in check. Exports have shown an encouraging trend in the current year.

The working committee called upon all the state governments and concerned central departments to make every effort not only to increase production but also to implement the 20-point program. Damage caused due to floods was also discussed at the meeting.

The working committee decided to hold organizational elections as scheduled. Congress-I General Secretary G.K. Moopanar told newsmen returning officers will be appointed for each state. They will go to the respective states and assess the situation and report back to the committee on holding elections.

Replying to questions, he said the decision is to hold elections in all the states. However, in the states which are going to the polls in the coming months for electing assemblies, organizational elections may have to be deferred. He said party representatives of the states where assembly elections are due are meeting the members of the working committee to discuss the political situation.

The Karnataka situation was discussed today. Other states, including Andhra Pradesh, Assam and Jammu and Kashmir will be taken up tomorrow. In this context, the Congress-I working committee made it clear that party candidates for the assembly polls will be selected on merit at the time of the holding of the elections. There is no room for any speculation at the present moment as the committee has not taken any decision. These remarks were made by the committee while noting the tendentious news items appearing in a section of the press regarding selection of party candidates.

BOMBAY TRADE UNION LEADER CALLS OFF STRIKE

BK131602 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 13 Oct 82

[Text] Trade union leader Dr Datta Samant has asked the workers of the Bombay city transport service to call off from midnight tonight their 3-day token strike.

Dr Samant had earlier given an indefinite strike call to Bombay Electric Supply and Transport [BEST] workers in support of the 9-month-old strike by textile workers of Bombay and to press demands of the city bus transport workers.

OFFICIAL COMMENTS ON EFFORTS AGAINST SUBVERSION

BK140855 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 14 Oct 82

[Text] The government is maintaining continuous vigilance to safeguard national security. Minister of State for Home N.R. Laskar told the Rajya Sabha that sustained efforts are made against subversion and other prejudicial activities by foreign intelligence and other organizations.

RAO LEAVES TO ATTEND FIJI COMMONWEALTH MEETING

BK131037 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 13 Oct 82

[Text] External Affairs Minister Narasimha Rao left this morning for Fiji to represent India at the regional meeting of Commonwealth heads of government being held there from tomorrow. Rao is expected to return to New Delhi on the 20th of this month.

FIGURES FOR INDIAN-SOVIET TRADE TURNOVER CITED

BK101021 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 10 Oct 82

[Text] The Indo-Soviet trade turnover during the first half of this year amounts to over 1.138 billion rubles compared to 1.119 billion rubles during the same period last year. According to the Soviet journal FOREIGN TRADE, the total trade turnover for 1981 was 2.398 billion rubles. With this, India becomes the largest trade partner of the Soviet Union among the developing countries and the Soviet Union, India's largest trade partner in the world.

AJEET PROTOTYPE TESTS SUCCESSFULLY 11 OCT

BK111634 Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1330 GMT 11 Oct 82

[Text] India's first advanced jet trainer prototype aircraft Ajeet was successfully test flown at Bangalore today. Indigenously developed by the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited [HAL] the aircraft is powered by an Orpheus turbojet engine manufactured at the aeroengine division of HAL. The low profile transonic trainer aircraft is designed for dual and solo instructional flying and air-to-ground and air-to-air armament training. Wing Commander Tilka, who piloted the test flight, said the aircraft behaved very well.

BRIEFS

SOVIET AID FOR OIL WELLS -- Energy Minister Shiv Shanker has said that 120 of the 478 idle oil wells in the country will be reactivated with the Soviet assistance. He was replying to a calling attention in the Lok Sabha on 7 October on the recent incident of fire in the oil and natural gas commission oil well in Baroda. The motion was moved by (Narain Chobe), Communist Party of India, and others. [Text] [Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 7 Oct 82 BK]

ISLAMIC MINISTERS APPROVE AFGHANISTAN RESOLUTION

BK131618 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 13 Oct 82

[Excerpts] The Islamic foreign ministers conference at the United Nations has approved Pakistan's resolution on Afghanistan, which will now be introduced in the General Assembly. The resolution once again calls for the withdrawal of foreign troops from Afghanistan and for restoration of the Afghan people's right to choose their own political, economic and social system.

The Islamic foreign ministers announced support for Pakistan in its contest for the UN Security Council seat. According to the program, the General Assembly will elect 10 nonpermanent members of the council on 19 October for a 2-year term. Besides Pakistan, Sri Lanka also is contesting for the Asian seat of the council. This seat now is occupied by Japan.

COUNCIL URGES ACTION AGAINST 'ZIONIST DESIGNS'

BK101221 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 10 Oct 82

[Excerpt] The Majlis-i-Shoora this afternoon unaimously adopted a resolution urging the Islamic conference to take effective measures for the early realization of the proposal for collective defense of the Islamic ummah to frustrate the Zionist entity designs. The Majlis-i-Shoora expressed its deep concern over the wanton Israeli aggression in Lebanon and the insane destruction of life and property. It noted with great concern that despite repeated calls of the world community Israel continues to hold on the occupied Arab territories thus flouting the UN Charter and the universally accepted principle of inadmissibility of the acquisition of the territory by force.

The Shoora condemned Israel for its brazen invasion of Lebanon and demanded that effective pressure be exerted on Israel to halt its aggression and withdraw immediately and unconditionally from Lebanon.

The Shoora called upon the countries which have sustained Israel militarily, politically and economically to restrain from its aggressive policies and to force it to vacate the occupied Arab lands. It called upon the international community to sever all relations with the Zionist entity which has persistently refused to conform to the norms of civilized international behavior.

Moving the resolution, Federal Law Minister Sharifuddin Pirzada told the house that the Pakistan Government was exerting all possible efforts through the diplomatic channel to ensure the protection and safety of the Palestinians in Lebanon as well as to bring about a speedy withdrawal of Israeli forces from that country. He said Pakistan has never missed any occasion or any forum to further the Palestinian cause.

Pirzada said Israel, ever since its creation in clandestine circumstances, has openly followed the policy of expanding its borders and exterminating the Palestinians. The world in general, and the Muslim world in particular, should take a serious note of it. He said this is an hour of soul-searching for the entire ummah because it presents a challenge to all of us. He added it is high time for the ummah to forget its internal dissension and gather on one platform to face its common enemies.

The law minister also referred to the cruel and senseless massacre of Palestinians and also recounted the steps taken by Pakistan to provide assistance to their Lebanese and Palestinian brothers.

Radio Pakistan's representative says as many as 21 members spoke on the resolution and fully supported it as a reflection of national sentiment.

MINISTER ON STEPS TO CHECK TERRORIST ACTIVITIES

BK121425 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 12 Oct 82

[Text] Federal Minister for the Interior Mahmud A. Haroon has said the government is taking all necessary steps to check the activities of terrorists and subversive elements whose sole aim is to destroy the very Islamic base of the country and impose an alien ideology. He said this while initiating debate in the Majlis-i-Shoora in Islamabad this morning on the situation arising in the country as a result of subversive and terrorist activities.

The minister said such activities were not aimed at changing the present government but were directed at changing the way of the life of the people. He said the terrorists were being trained, armed, provided financial assistance and sent from abroad. This was, in fact, a kind of war against the Muslims and their ideology. He declared that the people will not accept any other ism in this country and would never deviate from their Islamic path. He said the people would have to wage a jihad and offer sacrifices to combat the activities of terrorists and subversive elements.

Giving details of the measures to deal with the terrorists and saboteurs, the interior minister said that antiterrorist squads have been set up and antiterrorist cells created in all the provinces. The cells would collect information from the people about terrorists so that they could be apprehended before they launch their operations. He said the police have been provided with modern weapons and new vehicles to deal with the terrorists.

The minister said that 650 terrorists have so far been apprehended and were under interrogation.

LAWYERS JAILED FOR SPEAKING AGAINST MARTIAL LAW

BK140901 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 14 Oct 82

[Text] In Pakistan, a military court in Lahore has sentenced two lawyers to 1 year imprisonment for speaking against the martial law regime. They were among those who spoke at last week's lawyers national convention, which demanded an immediate return to civilian rule.

ARMED FORCES JOINT STAFF COMMUNIQUE NO 1,078

LD131748 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 13 Oct 82

[Communique No 1,078 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. The epic-making warriors, the vanguard and brave combatants of Islam, in the Muslim ibn 'Aqil operational sector, effectively defended their own positions and repulsed several consecutive offensives of the enemy.

On several fronts, intensive fire routed the mercenary Saddamist forces. Following the defeat of the operations launched by Saddam's armed forces on 11 October, the mercenary enemy launched another offensive at 0830 yesterday morning in the hope of recapturing the liberated regions and heights in the western parts of the country. Thanks to our consolidated positions, vigilance and battle readiness of our forces, the operations failed and the enemy offensive was repulsed at 1010 on the same day. During this unsuccessful offensive, the enemy left behind around 500 dead and wounded. Meanwhile, 10 Iraqi tanks were destroyed and three of their ammunition depots were set ablaze. So far, 65 prisoners have been taken to the rear.

On one of the western fronts four enemy tanks were destroyed by our artillery fire. Brave Gendarmerie combatants stationed in the Mehran sector yesterday opened fire on enemy positions, destroyed several slit trenches and killed at least 20 Iraqi soldiers. Ground Forces' artillery fire on Iraqi positions in the Panjwin and (Nezarah) regions resulted in more than 15 Iraqis killed and the silencing of the enemy artillery fire.

Three Iraqi soldiers, accompanied by their families, yesterday presented themselves in one of the western regions and sought asylum.

In the southern operational sector, our forces continue their efforts by defending their own positions, dispatching reconnaissance and combat groups and returning enemy fire.

During the battle of 11 October, 53 dear warriors of the Ground Forces and 3 heroic airmen gave their lives for the covenant and joined the red caravan of the martyrs. Their memory is honored.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

ARMED FORCES, REVOLUTION GUARDS COMMUNIQUE

LD131820 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 13 Oct 82

[Text] According to a report by the Central News Unit, the following communique has been issued by the An-Najaf Headquarters [as heard] in connection with the operations carried out by the combatants of Islam on the fronts of the battle against Saddam's mercenaries.

In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. The self-sacrificing combatants of Islam, these genuine followers of the school of Husayn ibn 'Ali, may peace be upon him, who started the Muslim ibn 'Aqil operations, codenamed O Abu al-Fadhl al-'Abbas, are continuing their holy battle against the Ba'thist infidels; and, with positions on the heights overlooking the Iraqi city of Mandali, they now are promising the liberation of Karbala and the conquest of the beloved Jerusalem.

Yesterday morning, the defeated Ba'thist mercenaries, using several tank battalions and a commando company, launched a counteroffensive. However, they met the stiff resistance of the powerful combatants of Islam.

In these operations, the Iraqi Ba'thist forces suffered heavy losses and casualities -- amounting to more than 400 dead and a large number wounded -- and fled. In these operations, 12 tanks, 3 vehicles and 2 loaders were destroyed and 3 other vehicles were seized as booty; dozens of the enemy were taken prisoner by the forces of Islam.

With hope for the complete victory of the combatants of Islam over the world's blasphemy,

[Signed] The Karbala Headquarters, the Joint Operations Center of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps

KHOMEYNI ADDRESSES DEPUTIES ON WAR, SHORTAGES

LD131332 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 13 Oct 82

[Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni 13 October address to Majlis deputies attending the interparliamentary conference -- place not given -- announcer-read]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. I am surprised at the decline of some heads of state of our time. I am also surprised at how degraded they are; how they give everything they possess and how, in addition to being degraded in front of America, they accept degradation in front of Israel. What the shaky (motazallel) world fears is Islam. They fear the Islamic Republic.

We should stand fast and prepare ourselves for future social problems. We cannot lose our Islamic humanitarian honor. Thank God our people are aware and prepared. You can see what these military men, guards, mobilization personnel and others are doing on the fronts. When they want to go to the frontline, it is as if they are going to their nuptial chambers. Such a situation rarely occurred even in the early days of Islam.

Some people cannot understand so much self-sacrifice; they overlook what has been accomplished.

In any case, we should be prepared. In the present circumstances, when we are involved in the imposed war, when all the superpowers are against us, the people should think of the situation the government is in and the problems it faces. We should not expect everything we want to be delivered at our feet. We all know that these enmities are not new. During the lifetime of the great prophet, he was slandered and insulted, but he did not stop advertising Islam.

If there are shortages in the country today, we are sorry about them. The government and the authorities are striving with all their might to overcome the shortages. They have done some important work; I hope that the situation will improve with God's help.

If we had yielded to America and the superpowers, we might have had superficial security and prosperity and our cemeteries might not have been filled with our dear martyrs. However, we definitely would have lost our independence, freedom and honor. Could we become the servants and slaves of America and pagan governments so that some things would be cheaper and so that we would have no martyrs or wounded? The nation will never succumb to such shame and degradation.

The Iranian nation will stand against America and, God willing, it will be victorious. God has strongly stressed that we should not befriend them. How could we then sell ourselves so that goods would be cheap?

Do not expect them to sing our praises. If they were to praise me, the seminarist, and you, we would fall. The nations are with you; these organizations are the puppets of those superpowers who are bent on plundering the oppressed people of the world. This is why they are against you.

May God give success to you all. May peace and God's mercy be upon you.

MUSAVI ON ECONOMIC ISSUES, 'ARAFAT-HUSAYN TALKS

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[Text] In an interview with newsman following a Cabinet session today, Prime Minister Mir-Hoseyn Musavi, referring to the recent flood disaster in Tehran, said: In addition to the natural disaster and its own brand of tragedies, the government is striving to investigate the problems and to identify those who were either responsible for or caused that calamity through their negligence. He said: Following the disaster, the matter was investigated and we hope the people will soon learn the results of those investigations. As for the flood victims, the prime minister said: After an assessment of the damage, the government will do its utmost to help to make up for the losses.

Commenting on the appointment of Mr Ghayuran as the prime minister's distribution representative, Musavi said: We have many shortcomings in this field. There is a black market in the country and there are glaring examples of abuse for which certain distributors are responsible. This is why Mr Ghayuran has been appointed to this post.

The prime minister added: Meetings are held weekly with various responsible officials and representatives concerned with distribution to discuss distribution and the country's economy. The prime minister said: The distribution shortcomings are caused by two things: first, natural causes resulting from war and problems that require fundamental and infrastructural solutions, and second, abuses and adverse incidents against which the judiciary and executive will act decisively.

About 'Arafat's visit to Jordan and his talks with King Husayn, the prime minister expressed regret, saying: In recent months, certain moves by the PLO leadership, which have been observed, are not congruent with the course of an all-encompassing, revolutionary and ideological organization. He said: These moves will bring no benefits except to drag the organization into its decline and downfall. He added: Of course, there are more realistic individuals among these leaders and we do not blame the Palestinian nation for the moves made by certain leaders of that organization.

KHAMENE'I REPLIES TO UAE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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[Text] The Central News Unit reports that Shaykh Zayid ibn Sultan al Nuhayyan, president of the United Arab Emirates, sent a message to Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i, our country's president, about the war imposed by Iraq upon Iran. This message says:

Because of my sense of responsibility for the Islamic umma', because of the disintegration and weakness that has afflicted it and because, throughout history, the Islamic umma' has never experienced such a painful situation as now, we feel obliged to turn to our brothers. I thus find it appropriate to write to you. While my whole being is filled with the hope for your sincere and positive response and with belief in your sincerity toward this umma', I request that you use all your efforts to stop this war and give a positive response to well-meaning attempts to end the war and to save the Muslim brothers and blood.

The same report notes that in response to the message of Shaykh Zayid ibn Sultan al Nuhayyan, president of the United Arab Emirates, President Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i sent this message:

In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Your Excellency Shaykh Zayid ibn Sultan al Nuhayyan, president of the United Arab Emirates: I have received your message of 7 October 1982. The sense of responsibility regarding the problems of the Islamic ummai, to which you referred, is a common feeling among all those deeply aware of the duties concerning Islamic brotherhood. It was on the basis of the same sense of responsibility that we raised the issue concerning the greatest calamity of the Middle East, which was enacted in the sight of all Muslims and Arabs and which resulted in the greater consolidation of the influence of American arrogance and Zionist aggression in the region, with all the Islamic countries' leaders and invited them to convene immediately the Islamic conference to exchange views and to make crucial decisions. Unfortunately, I have to inform you of the indifference and callousness of those who claim to defend Islamic aspirations in this and in all other serious issues concerning events in Palestine and Lebanon.

Regarding the long and damaging Iran-Iraq war, the issue is also exactly the same. There should be no room for doubt left to those who witness this bloody event that the Government of the Islamic Republic is unhappy about the continuation of the war and is more interested than anyone else in the establishment of a just peace. I have sincerely stressed this point to all friends and to all those who have interfered in this issue as peace mediators. Unfortunatley, those who by exerting pressure on the aggressive regime could have encouraged it to submit to truth and to make amends for the wasted forces [as heard] of the great Iranian nation, instead of this peace-loving effort, have further fanned the flames of war and have further prolonged it by their financial, military and political assistance to the aggressor.

I wish to stress that we will continue to persist in our peace-loving positions. However, we will never abandon the legitimate rights of our nation which have been violated by the aggressive regime of Iraq, assisted by the filthy hand of American-Zionist arrogance. Only by paying attention to this fact will any well-meaning attempt for ending this imposed war meet with success.

I beseech God Almighty to bestow his guidance and success to all.

[Signed] Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i, Islamic president of Iran

FOREIGN MINISTER ADDRESSES UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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[Text] New York, Oct. 13 (IRNA) -- In his address to the 37th annual meeting of the General Assembly of the United Nations, Iranian Foreign Minister Dr 'Ali Akbar Velayati focused on international issues with special reference on the fate of the people from the Third World countries.

He blasted the superpowers and said they failed in realization of their responsibilities and added that the deprived people were suffering just because of their (superpowers) unrealistic policies.

During his speech Dr Velayati condemned the recent crimes of the Zionist regime in Lebanon.

He also threw light on the achievement of the Islamic revolution and told the world body that the Iranian nation pays great attention to its sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity.

He also said that the Iranian nation will never allow any country to interfere into its internal matters. He said that the Iranians through their Islamic revolution would use all means at their disposals to fight against the world oppressors and Zionists.

Talking about the fate of the people of the Third World countries he said they were facing poverty and hunger and pointed out that the gap further increased between the raw material producing countries and the industrial nations which forced some 600 million people in the Third World countries to suffer. While the people in the Third World countries are starving, the superpowers are busy in their arms race, he remarked.

In the continuation of his speech commenting of the recent massacre in Palestinian refugee camps in West Beirut by U.S. imperialism and the Zionist regime, he said that this crime took place amidst the silence of other powers of the world. This savage crime in which thousands of men, women and children in Sabra and Shatila camps lost their lives was neither the first time nor would it be the last.

While the Zionists were justifying the slaughter of the oppressed people of Palestine and Lebanon, their American masters were gauging the effectiveness of their modern weapons in this massacre.

The stooges of the U.S. Government in the region following the summit conference of the Arab leaders in Fes, Morocco, have given recognition to the Zionist regime, he said.

Dr Velayati continuing his remarks on the Palestinian issue said that the expulsion of Palestinian fighters from Lebanon, opened a new chapter in the struggle of the Arab and Muslim nations and even if some reactionary rulers of the region tried to create obstacles on the way of this struggle, it would continue.

Criticising prrchase of ultra sophisticated armaments and planes by certain governments of the region, Velayati said that Muslim people have the right to ask why their income was being used for purchase of AWAC planes and other kinds of sophisticated armaments, which serve no use for them and further strengthening the domination of U.S. imperialism in the region.

Dr. Velayati further said that the Islamic Republic Government of Iran, due to its nature and principles, would support the Muslim people of Palestine in their legitimate struggle to return to their homeland which necessitates the expulsion of the Zionist occupiers.

He said that the Islamic Republic's solution to the issue of Palestine and the Middle East crisis is only possible through the unity of Muslims furthermore stressing on the Islamic nature of the issue.

The proposal of the Iranian Government concerning formation of a united Islamic front against Zionism and imperialsim was a move in this connection, he said.

As for the issue of the Iraqi imposed war, Velayati said that ever since the establishment of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Iraqi Government in a bid to fulfill objectives of imperialism and Zionism, instigating acts of sabotage against Iran. [sentence as received]

Such provocations included: deporting tens of thousands of impoverished masses to Iran, harassing Muslim religious personalities, attacking Iranian schools in Iraq and imprisonment of teachers of these schools, giving asylum to Iranian counterrevolutionaries, launching propaganda war against the Islamic revolution and instigating the Arab speaking Iranians of Khuzestan in particular as well as giving Arabic names to Iranian cities, dispatching saboteurs to Iran to plant bombs in the oil pipelines and numerous other crimes.

Commenting on U.S. Government's plots to overthrow the Islamic government, the foreign affairs minister said that now that the U.S. had become disappointed with the Iraqi ruler, Saddam Husayn, it has employed dirtier tricks.

U.S. imperialism, he said, has now resorted to planting bombs in crowded areas of Iranian cities, the latest of which, in Tehran claimed lives of tens of innocent people. These crimes of U.S. imperialism, like its previous crimes, has received no reaction from so-called human rights organizations. This silence of these international organizations has proved to the world that these bodies raise their voice only when those behind these crimes were given due punishment.

Throughout the course of the war, Velayati said, the Iraqi regime has not hesitated to commit the most heinous of crimes against defenceless civilians of the occupied areas. The listless crimes of the Iraqi regime range from repeated bombardment of hospitals, schools, civilian areas, and massacre and torture of the Islamic revolutionary guards, for proof of which there are supporting documents. These crimes were clear violations of the United Nations Charter.

However, the irony in all this is that such a regime was now saying the measures taken by the Islamic Republic to protect its rights a violation of the UN Charter and considers these measures of Iran a threat to international peace.

The suggestions made by the Iraqi Government concerning establishment of a cease-fire and its claims that it has pulled out its forces from the Iranian territory did not stem from good intentions and the objective of these suggestions and claims was not to end the war. Rather the goal of the Iraqi Government was to rescue Saddam Husayn from the trap which he himself engineered to overthrow the Islamic Republic. However, he has now become a victim of it.

Referring to the claims of the Iraqi regime to the effect that it has halted war operation and has established a unilateral cease-fire, the Iranian foreign minister said that these meant redeploying Iraqi forces in strategic areas of Iran and shelling of civilian areas there.

As for the conditions to end the Iraqi imposed war, Velayati said that termination of the Iraqi imposed war depended on complete materialization of all conditions put forward by Iran. Otherwise, Iraq would be responsible for the consequences of the prolongation of the war.

The Islamic Republic of Iran, in order to recover its rights, would have to continue its legitimate defence and it would not give in to the adventurers of the region.

"We do not fear blackmail and political propaganda launched by the Zionist and imperialist news networks, with the objective of supporting Iraq." The idea behind this propaganda tirade, he added, was to portray Iran as a threat to the region. If the Iraqi Government was not taught a proper lesson for its aggression against Iran, no one would be able to guarantee that it would not commit similar acts of aggression against another country.

Despite propaganda of imperialist and Zionist mass media and just as Imam Khomeyni has stressed, the Islamic Republic posed no threat whatsoever to the countries of the Persian Gulf region. On the contrary, the Islamic Republic was striving towards close and friendly relations with all countries of the region, relations based on mutual respect.

Speaking on the security of the Hormuz Strait as well as Persian Gulf, Velayati, said that Iran considered itself capable and responsible for assuring the security of these areas and would firmly counter any action which would disturb peace and security of these areas and consequently endanger ships destined for these points.

"Iran with all its power and in accordance with all international principles and regulations would assure security of the astuary," he stressed.

Velayati further pointed out that in spite of imperialists' and Zionists' propaganda, they would not be able to prevent exportation of Iranian oil. "If a day comes that export of oil from Iran is prevented then no oil will be exported from the Persian Gulf," he said.

In another part of his address to the General Assembly of the U.N., Foreign Minister Velayati called for removal of foreign military bases in the Indian Ocean and the Persian Gulf.

Commenting on the veto rights of superpowers in the U.N., Velayati said that veto rights of a few powers has hindered effectiveness of the U.N. in its dealing with world crisis.

The Non-aligned Movement he said could play a vital role, in light of the change in the venue of the conference from Baghdad to another place, and has made Iran more optimistic about the future of the movement and the great role that it can play.

In the continuation of his speech, Velayati called for ouster of the racist regime of South Africa from Namibia. He also pledged support of the Islamic Republic of Iran for the just struggle of people of Namibia and called on progressive African governments to continue their efforts for the benefit of the Namibians.

On the issue of Afghanistan, he said that in the Islamic Republic's opinion, the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan should not be considered as an act of aggression which only violated independence and sovereignty of Afghanistan. This aggression, he added, posed threats against culture, tradition and the religious belief of the Afghans.

He called for an unconditional withdrawal of foreign occupying forces from Afghanistan, non-interference of foreign powers in the affairs of Afghan people, return of all Afghan refugees and right of the Afghans to decide their own destiny. To this end, any negotiations in which the real representatives of Afghans were excluded, were rejected, he said.

Referring to the great influence of superpowers in the U.N., Foreign Minister Velayati said that it has been turned into a tool in the hands of these powers to exert pressure on countries which were struggling against imperialism of West and East as well as Zionism. He further said that the U.N. became active whenever interests of one [of] these dominating powers was endangered. If such an attitude continued, the world would witness unrest and anarchy.

An example on this attitude in the U.N. was its indifference towards the Iraqi imposed war over the past two years. However, as soon as the Iranian forces were able to expel the enemy forces from a large area of Iran and started to recover their legitimate rights and security, superpowers suddenly felt the responsibility of providing and preserving international peace and security.

Dr. Velayati asked where were these so-called peace [words indistinct] when the rights of Iranian people were trampled upon (?by the Iraqi) aggressors in the past two years?

The answer, he said, was since the interests of superpowers, who were providing the Iraqi regime with arms and financial aid, were endangered only then did members of the Security Council express their concern for peace and issued a resolution in this respect.

REPORTAGE ON VELAYATI'S MEETINGS IN NEW YORK

Nicaraguan Counterpart

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[Text] New York, Oc. 11 (IRNA) -- Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Padre Miguel d'Escoto Brockman met and conferred with Iranian Foreign Minister Dr Ali Akbar Velayati early this morning of Tehran's time at the resident of the Iranian minister.

Nicaraguan minister, referring to the similarity of the revolution of Iran and Nicaragua, recalled the U.S. plots against the two countries' revolution. He singled out a plot hatched by the U.S. through Honduras against his country and added that despite a declared policy of Nicaragua for non-interference into the internal matters of others Hondruas' Air Forces violated air space of his country at time. He said the U.S. under the pretext of the campaign against communism and in the name of democracy had emerged as a threat to this country.

Contrary to the U.S. claim, he pointed out, Nicaraguan high-ranking officials were religious persons.

In the end Dr Velayati, arrived here to attend the 37th annual meeting of U.N.'s General Assembly, assured his Nicaraguan counterpart of the Iranian support for that country's membership to the Security Council.

UN Secretary General

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[Text] The UN secretary general, at his own request, met with our country's foreign minister in the secretary general's office. The 45-minute discussion dealt with various world problems and difficulties, including the savage attack by the regime occupying Al-Quds against south Lebanon and the massacre of the Palestinians, the occupation of Afghanistan, the war imposed by Iraq on Iran and the tension in Kampuchea.

During the meeting, while explaining Iran's viewpoints since the beginning of the imposed war, Velayati said: We are asked to end the war and to agree to a cease-fire while part of our country is under foreign occupation. This is not and will not be in any way acceptable to our nation and government. Velayati added: Any solution proposed to end the war and to restore the violated rights of our Muslim nation should be carefully considered.

Velayati yesterday met with Sahabzada Yaqub Ali Khan, Pakistan's foreign minister, and the head of Pakistan's delegation to the 37th UN General Assembly. The meeting lasted about 1/2 an hour and was held in the UN building. During this meeting, questions on further strengthening and expanding relations between the two Islamic countries and the future session of the nonaligned conference in New Delhi were discussed.

Our country's foreign minister also spent 30 minutes in the joint session of foreign ministers of Islamic countries. This conference discussed problems in the Islamic world, including the massacre of the people of Beirut and the occupation of Afghanistan. It was decided that groups should be formed to study these issues.

DEPORTED PILGRIMS DESCRIBE SAUDI 'TORTURES'

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[Text] Tehran, Oct 13, IRNA -- Twelve more Iranian pilgrims to Mecca, who were psychologically and physically tortured in Saudi prisons, returned home early Wednesday morning.

Javad Afkhami, one of these pilgrims who was sent back to Iran by the Saudi regime, said that they had gathered in the Al-Baqi cemetery in Medina to say their prayers when agents of the Saudi regime, either in police dress or in guildmen dress, fired tear gas and severely attacked them by means of various equipment.

Afkhami added that the only fault of the Iranian pilgrims, who were first beaten up and then sent to Medina's prisons by the Saudi officers, was shouting "Death to Zionists", "Death to us" and the cry of "There is no god but God".

He also said that the attacker agents of the Saudi regime committed tortures against the Iranians such as poking fingers into one of the pilgrims' eyes as well as cursing Iranians' sanctities.

Afkhami further said that the pilgrims of most of the Islamic countries particularly Pakistan, Nigeria, Indonesia, Malaysia, India, Jordan, Syria and etc. had favourable views about the demonstrations of the Iranians and they principally considered the Saudis' conduct as being improper.

Jahangir Ranjbar, another Iranian pilgrim sent back home, talked about other tortures exercised by the Saudis and added that the Saudi police agents placed some anti-Saudi regime pamphlets, which they had prepared before hand, into the arrested pilgrims' pockets in order to show that these Iranians were intending to distribute the pamphlets among pilgrims from other countries.

KHAMENE'I ADDRESSES PRAYER LEADERS ON U.S. PLOTS

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[Text] Tehran, Oct 10, IRNA -- President Khamene'i said to a group of visiting members of ulema and mass prayers leaders of north west Iran, Saturday night that the assaulting of the Iranian pilgrims in Saudi Arabia and the rought behaviour shown towards them by the Saudi officials was proof of the legitimacy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in its position and of the desperation of its enemies. (Excerpts:)

"The geographic area in which you live and whose people you guide has been the hotbed of plots by the greatest of the world's enemies that is the United States and its mercenary flunkeys in the region. To fathom the infamous acts of the United States, it would suffice to recall that its first choice as the target of its brutal aggression was a region such as yours, and a (?place in case) inhabitants were deprived of the least facilities over the dark years of suppression during the past regime...."

"Those dull simpletons figured that as soon as they weave a plot in some corner of our vast country, the Islamic Republic of Iran would not be capable of coping with it, and hence they would be able to do for the Islamic Republic. [as heard] In order to fulfill their cravings, they exploited whatsoever resources they could exploit: the leftist and rightist sub-groups, the feudal lords, the monarchists, the foreign-inspired members of the moneyed class, the fugitive members of SAVAK, and other people committed to the past regime.

But what they seemed to be overlooking -- among many other facts of which they were ignorant, was the independence of the system of the Islamic Republic from individuals or from any specific group of statesmen. They failed to realise that the system here belongs to each and every citizen...."

"However hard a blow the United States has suffered in relations to the Islamic revolution still we should not tend to neglect the plots of this great satan. By trying to pit Shi'is against Sunnis, or this tribe against the other, they mean to antagonise Muslims against each other...."

"We feel that we do not lose anything when the various mishaps befall us, rather we feel that each time we take one step forward this brings us that much closer to our ultimate goal. The goal of establishing the rule of Islam."

NEWSPAPER EXAMINES ANTI-KHOMEYNI STRUGGLE

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[Editorial: "Iranian Soldiers Are on Their Way"]

[Excerpt] The overthrow of a dictatorial regime that has succeeded in the mental disillusionment [ravanzadegi] of an important part of society is most of all in need of a powerful military-tribal-guerrilla force instead of diplomatic preparations and consideration of the political situation in the country, which lies outside the sphere of the ruling group's power. Such a force exists in Iran. It is:

1. The Iranian Army is nationalist by nature and Iranian military personnel, whether those who have been shunted aside or those who are still serving, have no fundamental disagreement on national issues, national security and progressive development plans. In recent years, unity in the army has increased and the harmonious resolve of everyone is reflected in correct political attitudes aimed at the liberation of Iran.

2. The Iranian tribes in general reject the Khomeyni regime. In front of them are the zealous and brave Kurds who have not halted their struggle against the enemy of Iranian nationalism. They bravely have stood up to Khomeyni and his regime since the first appearance of this inauspicious regime and have continued their fight to liberate Iran and rid it of Khomeyni's blight. They have continued to prepare their political programs to achieve their regional goals. The treachery and blows dealt by Khomeyni against the zealous Torkman tribe has forced these people to lie in wait and has made them believe that breathing in their ancestral home in the political atmosphere created by Khomeyni is impossible. The oppression of the Qashqa'i tribes and the treachery against their leaders have wounded all the tribes in the south and have made them unhappy and the daily clashes reflect this fact.

The struggling Baluchi tribes are also among the most honorable strugglers fighting against Khomeyni. Baluchestan, in the true sense, has not bowed to the rule of Khomeyni's regime not even for 1 day and, considering its geographical importance, it may be able to play a more important role in the final struggle against Khomeyni. The great masses in the cities and villages have had their fill of Khomeyni's injustices for innumerable reasons and have their best guerrilla forces in reserve and undoubtedly have started organizing not tomorrow but yesterday. The sign of such efforts are the clashes in the streets and alleys, which are reported by Khomeyni's media.

Meanwhile, the role of the armed forces is by far larger and more effective than usually thought or discussed. The Iranian Armed Forces have a great mission in three basic directions: First, to overthrow; then establish security and generally disarm; and finally to begin reconstruction programs and repair destroyed infrastructure of the Iranian economy. They truly have felt and are feeling their role.

However, the armed forces are aware that the possibility of their succeeding in the second and third phases becomes less if they are not supported by politicians and technocrats, intellectuals and opinionmakers and those who guard and support Iranian development and defend Iranian culture and civilization. Therefore, the nature of the cadre that will move Iranian society to overthrow the Khomeyni regime is different from the view of simple minds.

Usually, when there is talk of putting the job in the hands of the armed forces, it immediately brings to mind the harsh view of some of the African and South American political regimes and people are warned about such plans. However, in Iran for many reasons and because of the nationalist nature of the Iranian Armed Forces, the conditions are different. Therefore, the opposition does not consider itself separate from the army and is not thinking of forming its own armed forces to overthrow the Khomeyni regime and considers the zealous armed forces the army for the liberation of Iran, which will end the black regime of Khomeyni with the aid of the brave tribes and brave and patriotic guerrillas.

Now the question is asked: How do the political leaders decide their right position within this movement and how will they jointly organize this political-military move? A two-prong leadership is not possible. Therefore, we must mentally prepare that should conditions be ripe and the scene set, then the politicians along with the armed forces, or behind them, will carry out their patriotic duties. Such a plan and attitude are possible when we believe in the main issues, that is, "freedom, security and development of homeland," more than personal desires and goals.

Faith, if only voiced, spoken or written, will do nothing. This faith must have ideological and idealist sources and must have been derived from nationalist Iranian minds and hearts. Otherwise, the opportunity to carry out duty to pay the debts and to realize development plans will be delayed for a long time.

Wherever the sole of the boots of an Iranian soldier rubs the ground, that is where Khomeyni will come to his knees and this is where the shadow of security will fall, commerce will resume and development and reconstruction will replace destruction. The Iranian soldiers and tribes and the guerrillas are at work. Iran will rise. The Iranian soldiers are on their way. This is the desire of the Iranian people.

SCHOOLCHILDREN LEAVE ESFAHAN PROVINCE FOR FRONTS

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[Text] A group of schoolchildren, members of the mobilization of the oppressed department of the Islamic revolution guards of Chadegan, left for the fronts of right against wrong this morning.